



BALSAM LAKE PROTECTION & REHABILITATION DISTRICT

Monthly Meeting Minutes June 16, 2018, 8:30 AM

Polk Business Center Meeting Room

1) CALL TO ORDER:

- Tom Kelly called the meeting to order at 8:33 AM

2) COMMISSIONERS PRESENT:

- Tom Kelly, Rod Preble, Steve Rediske, Ray Sloss, Bill Mork, Dave Mariani, Ed McGlynn (teleconference)

3) OTHERS PRESENT:

- Patty Kabus (recorder)

4) APPROVE AGENDA:

- Rod motioned to approve the agenda, Dave seconded, all approved. Motion carried.
- Add to agenda – geese – add to old business.
- Add to agenda – request from Interfaith givers – add to new business.
- Rod motioned to approve the agenda, Steve seconded, all approved. Motion carried.

5) APPROVE MINUTES:

- Bill motioned to approve the May Meeting Minutes, Dave seconded, all approved. Motion carried.

6) PUBLIC COMMENTS:

- None.

7) TREASURER REPORT AND PAY CLAIMS:

- P&L, balance sheet and budget for May were reviewed by the board.
- Bills presented for payment.

- Tom motioned to approve the May P&L, Balance Sheet and Budget (as amended) and payment of bills, Dave seconded, all approved, motion carried.

8) Water Quality

- East Balsam Study / McGlynn
 - Ed is monitoring the Cedar Lake treatment as well as Long Lake treatment. Cheryl will present at the annual meeting, outlining experience with local area treatment projects. We are starting to formulate a timeline, contingent on approval. She will need 20 minutes to ½ hour during the meeting.
- Sedimentation - Dredging / Preble
 - Contractor bid is in to do the engineering for sites, permit, DNR meetings, sizing of geo tubes, etc. \$21,000 for 3 sites. Per Ray, do not need to go out for competitive quotes for this because of the unique engineering and consulting services the contractor provides. The consensus is to move forward with Avres as they have done quality work in the past and the bid is very reasonable.
 - Discussion – Board feels that monies were not specifically allocated for this in this year's budget, but that there is money in next year's budget proposal for it, and the project has already been approved by the constituents in a prior year. Discussion as to whether it is acceptable to use other money not spent for this purpose since it wasn't explicit in the budget. Noted that the board uses its best discretion as to where money is spent. This project has been in the works for a few years so it makes sense to move forward at this time.
 - Rod will set up a meeting with Avres to discuss next steps and who does what as well as timing. Bill will also attend.
- Healthy Lakes Native Plantings / Kelly
 - Visits occurring now for 2018 and 2019 program. The number of projects will be in the high 30's. About half of the projects are to be completed this year.
- Aquatic Plant Management
 - CLP treatment / Preble
 - Matt Berg did a final count in May of CLP, there are a total of 5 acres where turions have come to the surface in the entire lake. Matt feels that past spraying has been very successful as well as the Harvester work. Also, the stems are much smaller and thinner. The harvester can get to the majority of them this year.
 - CLP is pretty much done for this year.
 - No spraying is necessary this year.
 - CBCW / Mork
 - Bill talked to Terry (who manages the CBCW program), and things seem to be going well. East Balsam apparently had an issue with one boater, but they have no legal recourse. Some hours have been increased from last year but because of the late spring, it is still in line with the budget. Powerloading seems to be the issue with some boaters who don't want to follow the rules and there is no

consequence for disobeying the rules although the police can issue tickets. The main launch and the 46 launch are the worst offenders. Suggestion to let Terry know if the CBCW workers see this happening, they should call the police or sheriff and they will come and issue the boater a ticket.

- Harvester / Preble
 - o Going out to do CLP beds, goal to have navigation areas cleaned up by July 4th. It appears that the harvesting is and has been extremely effective.

9) OLD BUSINESS:

- PINE ISLAND BAY PROPERTIES – add to district
 - Dave will be filling out paperwork this week, and the land and water department will take it from there.
- 2019 Budget
 - Has been sent to the board for final review. About 3.5-4% increase over last year.
 - Rod will take care of posting for the annual meeting, Ray will take care of posting in the paper.
- Summer Dockside
 - Final draft should be coming any day, there is one minor correction – Ray to provide to Tom. Will go to printer early next week, out about the last week of June.
- Rice Creek sedimentation pond sign
 - Ray looked at it in the last week and is trying to figure out the best replacement. Should be similar to the other signs in the area. Ray and Dave will take the current sign down.
- Goose eggs
 - 24 baby geese on the main beach.
 - 10 adults and 20+ babies are on Little Balsam.
 - There is a program in place to round up geese later this month.
 - Goose eggs – approximately 60 were oiled.
 - Hunting for this year will be brought to the village.

10) OTHER REPORTS:

- Village / Rediske
 - Ron Helms requested permission to purchase the public access that is next to him, that is being abandoned on Park Drive. Currently no one is maintaining it. If the county decides to sell it, it would need to go out for open bid.
 - Village will be putting a sign by the beach noting the time limit for boats and vehicles. Some boats and cars have been left for up to a week.
 - Boats left on the public docks will be ticketed. Again, some boats have been left there for a week.
 - New signs are being added regarding power loading.
 - Paradise Landing wants approval to sell liquor on the docks, and possibly on a floating dock bar. Has been approved pending DNR approval.
 - Caroline is asking for a 50% grant to extend the cement on the boat landings by 20'. If that is done, power loading will no longer be an issue.

- Donation boxes may be placed at the landings. There is a lot of resistance to mandatory fees. Per Steve, adding voluntary donation boxes were passed in the May meeting.
- County / Mariani
 - No new business affecting the lake.
 - Dave will no longer be paid by the county to represent BLPRD for attending county meetings. Discussion around whether the BLPRD should take up this payment – this used to be the practice before the county started paying it.

11) NEW BUSINESS:

- Annual Meeting –
 - Notices have been posted. Election judges are in place. Registration assistance is lined up. The setup this year will be similar to last year. Ray will print ballots.
 - Discussion around whether floor nominations should be taken. To get your name on the ballot, you need to provide 45 days notice. Incumbents do not need to make a formal application. There are 2 positions open this year. Ed is not running, Ray is, and there are 2 additional candidates who submitted intent to run.
 - Interfaith Caregivers (Interfaithpolk.org) approached BLPRD to request to sponsor a solicitation for volunteers. It was sent to us but is addressed to the Balsam Lake Homeowners Association. Tom will get it to them.
 - We received a request for a candidate for State Representative (Kim Butler) would like to come to a monthly meeting. Tom noted they are public meetings and she is welcome to come. We will invite her to possibly the September meeting.
 - Bill brought up that he learned of an aeration technology that is an alternative to alum treatment to reduce sedimentation in the bays. 4 step process including assessment, aeration and adding enzymes. They would come in and do an assessment at no cost, and would provide a proposal. Several states are using this method on a widespread basis. Rod had looked in to this previously and had gotten a proposal. Per Rod, it can remove up to a foot a year if run year round. Only running it in the summer would still be effective but would take longer. We should pursue getting more information both from what has already been gathered as well as any new information we can. Bill will follow up.

12) FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:

- None.

13) ADJOURN:

- Rod motioned to adjourn, Steve seconded, all approved, motion carried.